

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

**Date:** March 1, 2021  
**Time:** 8:00-10:00am  
**Location:** Zoom Webinar  
**Contact:** Laurie Stolen, Director  
Ryan Barstow, Business Operations Coordinator

**Participants:** Susan Gutowsky, Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Kevin Lemasters, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally, Barry Wilson (Chair)

**BHS Staff:** Jessica Plummer, Kim Priddy, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell, Andrea Smith

**Grantee Virtual Site Visits:** The Kempe Foundation - John Faught & Evelin Gomez  
Healing Warriors - Ana Yelen

**Absent:** Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Scott Webermeier

CALL TO ORDER – Barry Wilson, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson welcomed everyone and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting. Will Karspeck made the motion, seconded by Kevin LeMasters, the motion was approved unanimously.
2. John Faught and Evelin Gomez from The Kempe Foundation, a 2020 BHS Grantee, presented the BHPC with a virtual site visit including a video and PowerPoint

presentation overview of their agency's work. They then fielded questions from Council members.

3. It was announced that the BHS Dashboard is ready and would be presented later in the meeting.
4. Laurie gave a brief update on the BHS Facility and new behavioral health services available in the area. NorthPointe Recovery is now open on Kendall Parkway in Loveland and Garcia House is now open on E. Elizabeth St, Fort Collins.

#### DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Kim Priddy presented the BHS dashboard and welcomed feedback from the Council members. A link to the dashboard was shared at the meeting and the dashboard will be shared publicly on the BHS website on March 2.
2. Ana Yelen from Healing Warriors presented the BHPC with a virtual site visit describing the services provided to veterans at their agency. She also fielded questions from Council Members.
3. Laurie Stolen relayed that the Behavioral Health Consumer Advisory Committee had expressed a desire to rename their group and had voted to change the name of the group to the Transformational Advocacy Group (TAG). Per BHPC by-laws, this change requires BHPC approval. The name change was discussed with some members in favor of the change and others preferring no change. Chad Morris made a motion to approve the change of name, Susan Gutowsky seconded the motion and a roll call of votes was had. The motion passed six to three.
4. Laurie Stolen, Jessica Plummer, and Kim Priddy opened a discussion on expanding the Gary A. Darling Grant to allow for a higher dollar amount and more than one grantee to be considered for award this year. After discussion it was agreed that we will renew and expand the Gary A. Darling grant with the amount to be determined in the range of \$50,000 - \$250,000 (but an annual cap of \$300,000). A motion to approve this option was made by Steve Olson and seconded by Chad Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN – Barry Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn, so moved at 10:00 a.m.